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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6713**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 355**

**NOTE PREPARED: Jan 1, 2014**

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Election of State Board of Education Members.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Tallian

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** *New State Board of Education-* The bill after December 31, 2016, reestablishes the State Board of Education (SBOE) consisting of: (1) the State Superintendent of Public Instruction; (2) one member elected from each Indiana congressional district; and (3) a teacher, principal, and school superintendent, all appointed by the State Superintendent from lists of nominees submitted by the leaders of each political party in the General Assembly.

*Nomination, Election, & Vacancy Process-* The bill provides that candidates for election to the SBOE are nominated at state political party conventions. The bill provides that a vacancy in the office of an elected SBOE member is to be filled by a caucus comprising the precinct committeemen of the political party whose precincts are within the congressional district where the vacancy has occurred. The bill also makes conforming amendments. The bill makes a technical correction.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2014.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *New State Board of Education-* The creation of a 13-member SBOE would yield an increase of two members over the current board. SBOE members, who are not otherwise state employees, would qualify for an annual salary of \$2,000 plus travel expenditures incurred in connection with the member's duties. (Currently, the SBOE members who are not state employees earn an annual salary of \$2,000.) Any net increase or decrease in SBOE expenditures would depend on the number of members qualifying for a salary and travel reimbursement. Costs for preparation of meeting packets and other mailings to the SBOE members could increase due to the increase in the number of members.

*Nomination, Election, & Vacancy Process*- This provision would increase the administrative responsibilities of staff members of the Secretary of State, Election Division, Inspector General, and possibly the State Recount Commission and Court of Appeals. Most notably, the Election Division would have to process additional campaign finance and other reports from SBOE candidates as are required of other candidates for state office. It is likely that these agencies would be able to accomplish the additional administrative work within their existing level of resources.

#### **Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Nomination, Election, & Vacancy Process*- There would be some election cost savings by having the SBOE candidates selected by party convention versus primary elections. Local election officials would need to add the SBOE candidates appointed at convention to the general election ballot. The candidates would be placed right after state senator and representative on the ballot. The addition of the SBOE candidates would require a minimal, if any, increase in ballot card printing expenditures for optical-scan voting systems. Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) systems would not require any additional expenditure to add the additional office to the general election ballot.

*Circuit Court Clerks*- Clerks would prepare a certified statement tallying the number of votes received by a candidate for a member of the SBOE and mail them to the state Election Division. Given that clerks currently prepare statements for other offices, this provision should impact local expenditures minimally.

#### **Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education (Superintendent & State Board of Education); Secretary of State; Inspector General; Election Division; State Recount Commission; Court of Appeals.

**Local Agencies Affected:** County election boards, circuit court clerks.

#### **Information Sources:**

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